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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: July 29, 2021

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Registration of Surgical Technologists*
18VAC85-160

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Registration of Surgical Technologists*, 18VAC85-160-10 *et seq.* Following the passage of 2020 Va. Acts Ch. 1222, registered surgical assistants became licensed surgical assistants. Following the passage of 2021 Va. Acts Ch. 230, registered surgical technologists became certified surgical technologists. These amendments incorporate requirements and fees appropriate for professions that are licensed or certified under the Board of Medicine. The Board has the authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2956.12. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.